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## National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

**URBAN LEAGUE URGES MARSHALL PLAN, MORE SELF-RELIANCE:** The National Urban League recently issued its annual "State of Black America" report, which called upon African Americans to rely less on government and more on themselves to overcome poverty and violence. Nevertheless, League president John Jacob called upon President Clinton to launch a "Marshall Plan" to bring businesses and create jobs in inner-city America. In addition to outlining specific self-help efforts, the Urban League report detailed socio-economic conditions currently facing black America. Among the findings: Half of the 22,540 people murdered in 1992 were black even though blacks constitute only 12 percent of the population; homicide is still the leading cause of death among black males 15-24; 33 percent of African Americans live in poverty and 47 percent of black homes are headed by women.—WASHINGTON, DC

**GERMANS GET JAIL IN RACE MOTIVATED ATTACK:** Two German skinheads, aged 21 and 16 were sentenced to prison in January for a racially motivated attack on two Americans. The incident occurred last October when the two led a group which harassed black American athlete Robert Pipkins at a disco. Pipkins was aided by team.—(Continued on page 3)



## Young Entrepreneurs need lights, camera, and money

by Jeremee Lynn Johnson

**Day 1**  
**Director:** Cover the camera. It's starting to rain. The lighting is too dark. We'll have to film tomorrow.  
**[Director stops work and gets ready for 9 to 5.]**  
**Day 2**  
**Producer:** That angle is good. It really captures her emotions.  
**Director:** Take two...Stop take...more oomph. Please!  
**Producer:** Prep rental stars tomorrow...Getting a movie made is hard work!  
**[Producer takes off for his job at the supermarket!]**

Reflecting on today's world, as seen through the eyes of teens, "Knightfall" brings drama, entertainment, good versus bad, and gangster against fed up citizens to the TV screen. In a riveting action-packed drama produced by Andy Burroughs and written and directed by Kareem Gray the two hope to gain film-making experience with this project. Kareem explains his enduring interest in the movie industry. "I wanted to be a film maker since I was

seven, but I didn't know that was what it was called. I wanted to fly with Luke Skywalker, I wanted to fight with Superman...as I got older, and was still interested in that world, that's where writing and directing came in." Both want to further their education in professional film programs. In High School, Kareem worked on an 8-million dollar film project that earned him first place in his high school's. (Continued on page 10)

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## Church wants probe of secret tests on African Americans

While the Clinton administration wrestles with the possibility of paying reparations to the unsuspecting subjects of federal radiation tests, the Church of Scientology has warned the U.S. Congress that it would be a mistake to neglect compensation to victims of secret chemical and biological warfare (CBW) tests.

The Church, which used the Freedom of Information Act to expose numerous secret chemical and biological tests conducted in high population areas including predominantly African American communities, has told the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power that failure to include the victims of government CBW tests would leave a cloud of distrust over the federal government.

In Florida," she explained. "Other experiments," she pointed out, "have left U.S. servicemen with severe after effects such as hallucinations and birth defects to their offspring."

One set of documents obtained by the Church under the Freedom of Information Act show that in a test conducted by the U.S. Army in 1956, swarms of mosquitoes were released in Savannah, Georgia.

The target area included Carver Village, a predominantly African American neighborhood. Despite the Army's claims that the mosquitoes were not infected with any disease, Carver Village residents experienced an outbreak of mysterious illnesses around the time the insects were released.

The Army documents indicate that the mosquitoes used were of the Aedes Aegypti type, the kind notorious

for transmitting yellow fever. As with the federal radiation tests which secretly targeted pregnant women, minorities, prison inmates and the mentally retarded, the chemical and biological warfare tests conducted by the U.S. Army and CIA were apparently fueled by Cold War concerns of a Soviet Union attack on the U.S.

Both the U.S. House and Senate have begun what is likely to be a long series of hearings on the federal government's secret radiation tests. The hearings are exploring not only how people were harmed or endangered, but how the federal government should compensate the victims.

The Church of Scientology, founded in the 50's by writer and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard, has over

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## Black publishers meet in Charleston

by William Reed

Amid reports of escalating crime and violence, and a need for economic development and better family roles among blacks, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) recently met in Charleston, South Carolina, to set an agenda for increased black media involvement in what is being called a "crisis" in black America. Known as the Black Press of America, the organization representing publishers of 210 black-oriented newspapers across America hosted political leaders, a black law enforcement official, scores of corporate executives, and a major city rights speaker, at the NNPA's MidWinter Conference.

South Carolina's first black congressman in decades, U.S. Representative James Clyburn, told the audience attending the "Building the Foundation for the 21st Century" conference, that media and black elected officials "have to work together" toward overcoming black America's problems. Clyburn pointed out that the Congressional Black Caucus and the Black Press are the leading voices currently articulating the needs, issues and problems of

African-Americans. He said that "even though the Black Caucus now has more members than ever, a new focus should be placed on those complex people who are from smaller cities and rural areas." Clyburn cited reports indicating that drugs, crime, violence and single parent households are as much problems in smaller cities as they are in America's larger urban areas. "It is up to us to turn Black America around. The problem is too big for just political leaders, it will require the collective mobilization of local leaders, the church and the press."

According to the speakers, crime and violence are causing major havoc in predominantly black neighborhoods. Statistics indicate that homicide is the leading cause of death of young black men, and major crime strikes five percent of black homes each year. In his speech to the NNPA, Charleston Chief of Police, Reuben Greenburg, called the statistics, "absolutely startling." Greenburg, who has gained a national reputation for innovative policing and crime prevention programs, told NNPA publishers that, "we must be the ones to reach out to our youth." We have to take more "personal responsibility"

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## Black Home Shopping Network coming soon

LOS ALTIMOS, CA.—The Black Home Shopping Network is coming to your living room soon. This one hour television program will be a shopping bonanza, featuring products and services marketed specifically to the African-American community. To participate, business owners or vendors are subjected to a thorough screening process. If accepted, a fee is required for air-time, the Network guarantees that products will be featured for three continuous minutes.

According to James Lewis, president and founder of BHSN, "we provide the models and accessories, and tools necessary to make the vendors' products shine. The investment required to get the kind of exposure we provide is cost prohibitive to most small businesses that gear their product to the African-American community."

"I see their investment to get on our program as a win/win situation. They win by getting their product out to their community, and the commu-

nity wins by being provided with quality products, produced by their own."

BHSN has already booked time in several markets with a large African-American population. Originally, Network executives forecast being in 14 markets by mid year, however, due to a strong response by businesses wishing to have their products featured, it is now believed that the show will be in 20 markets.

"Our goal with the Network is simply to provide our viewers with quality products and/or services at a great value. In addition, we aim to provide small business entrepreneurs an opportunity to grow their business, by reaching African-American shoppers nationwide more efficiently," stated Lewis.

The pilot broadcast is scheduled to air in late February in the Los Angeles Market, and grow to an additional eight markets (Baltimore, (Continued on page 10)

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## Miss America continues her work for homeless

MILFORD, CT.—Subway Restaurants and Miss America 1994, Kimberly Aiken, have joined forces to form the "Heroes For Hunger" Food Drive, scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 24, from 3-4:30 p.m. local time. The campaign is geared toward collecting three million canned goods for Second Harvest food banks across the country.

Athletes, teachers and city officials will be collecting cans, distributing sandwiches and encouraging people to be a hero by donating canned goods. During the 30 minutes, everyone who brings in one or more canned food items to participating Subway stores in the United States and Canada will receive a free 6-inch sub as a thank-you.

## Cooper announces tax decrease

EAST ORANGE Mayor Cardell Cooper today announced an unprecedented third consecutive tax decrease in East Orange during his annual message to the city's legislative body. Mayor Cooper delivered his annual state of the city address to an overflow crowd in the City Council Chambers. A recurring theme throughout the Mayor's remarks was "Tough Decisions in Tough Times."

"This is the first time in the recent history of the City that residents have experienced three consecutive decreases in property taxes," Mayor Cooper said. The mayor attributed the decrease to the city's sound and prudent fiscal management. In addition to the tax, Cooper outlined his administration's goal

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## James to give Newark report

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James will deliver his Eighth Annual State of the City Address Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chamber of City Hall.

Along with highlighting the City's 1993 accomplishments and goals for 1994, the mayor will be making a major tax savings announcement for Newark homeowners. Among the other items to be addressed are, public safety, housing, and recreation for young people.

"Public safety has remained our number one priority with the deployment of more officers to patrol our residential areas and the graduation of the largest police recruit class in the City's history."

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## Community Calendar

### NOW THRU MARCH 4

POMONA—The Richard Stockton College of Arts of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 27

WATCHUNG—Watchung Arts Center presents a "Blast of Color" a dramatic exhibition of varied paintings. The exhibition is on view Monday to Friday from 1-4 p.m. For further information call 908-753-0100.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 4

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield YMCA, located at 518 Watchung Ave. is holding its open house from 5-10 p.m. For further information call David Christman at 908-756-6008.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

NEWARK—A concert featuring The Newark Boys Chorus at 7 p.m. in Cantenral Ballroom. For more information call 201-733-7793.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

PLAINFIELD—The vocal music department of Plainfield High School and the Class of 1996 presents "An AIDS Benefit Gospel Concert." At 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Admission \$5, children under 12, \$2.50 P.H.S. students \$3 with I.D.

SUMMIT—The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts presents "Tatons of Love" Workshop. Instruction in using mixed media to make and decorate notecards and envelopes, heart and hand neckties, earrings, decorative boxes. A Valentine's workshop for the young at heart. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 908-273-9121.

PLAINFIELD—Housing Authority of Plainfield holds its Board of Commissioners meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Richmond Towers, located at 510 East Front St.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

WYCK—Jazz drummer Roy Haynes and his quartet will open the winter Jazz Room Series at William Paterson College at 4 p.m. on campus in the Siles Center for Performing Arts. For more info, call 201-595-2371.

JERSEY CITY—The Afro American Historical Society Museum located at 1341 Kennedy Blvd. opens its exhibit "Black History and the Beauty Industry: Between the years 1930 and 1980. Doors open at 3 p.m. For information call 201-847-5222.

## NAACP Image Awards honors Willie Gary As "Key Of Life" recipient



NNPA President Robert Bogle greets Phillip Morris executives



Robert W. Bogle, second from left, President, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), greets executives from the Philip Morris family of companies during the President's Reception at the NNPA's Mid Winter Conference in Charleston, S.C. With him are, from left, Wanda W. Hopkins, Philip Morris Companies Inc., Gina Galloviich, Kraft General Foods and Sheri Colas, Miller Brewing Company. Bogle, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune, told the reception guests, "as we build for the 21st Century, we should spend our time in planning and developing an agenda dedicated to our future."

STUART, FL.—Renowned lawyer, Willie Gary was recently awarded the NAACP's Key of Life for his achievements throughout his life.

The "Key of Life" Award is a special achievement category created several years ago in honor of the humanitarian and entertainer, Stevie Wonder. As a way of showing his thanks to his alma mater Shaw University, Gary and his wife, Gloria donated a 10 million dollar gift to the school. "But for Shaw," he explained, "I'd have never gotten the chance to do what I'm doing now."

Gary has been profiled as Person of the Week on ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, he has also been featured in Ebony, Black Enterprise, People, New York Times, Boston Globe, and Guidepost magazines, and Robin Leach's Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous.

## Mayor James receives Gold Meter award

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James was presented with a "Gold Meter" award from Sensus Technologies, a Pennsylvania-based water meter manufacturing firm, on behalf of the Newark Division of Water Accounting and Customer Service. The award was in recognition of the firm's production of their 48th million water meter, which was reached from an order submitted by the Water Accounting Division. Mayor James said, "The City of Newark is happy to receive this award which is indicative of the commitment of the City to improve its water system operations. The new meters have a beneficial effect on our customer service operations, since we are getting more accurate readings and experiencing fewer complaints."

## Honorable Solomon Wallace to be feted

Grover IC. Wallace, Chairman of the Grand Master's Friends Committee recently announced an Appreciation Luncheon for the Honorable

Solomon Wallace, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. on Saturday, March 19, 1994, at the Ramada Hotel 7th Avenue at

32nd Street, New York City at 12 noon. For further information, contact Ms. Ruth M. Ellerbe, Co-Chairperson at (718) 949-8758.

## Petitions being accepted for Newark School Board candidates

NEWARK Nominating petitions for those wishing to run for seats on the Newark Board of Education are available beginning Tuesday February 1. Petitions can be picked up Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in the office of Board of Affairs, 10th Floor, Room 1010, 2 Cedar Street.

The law requires a candidate to secure signatures from 10 registered voters. In order to be eligible to run for the Board, Newark residents must

be citizens, able to read and write, be at least eighteen (18) years of age, may not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with, or claim against the Board an must not be disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19A-1.

Three school board members will be elected an expected to serve a full term of three (3) years each. Petitions must be filed by 4 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 1994. For further information call 201-733-7139.

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# Race racism still at forefront at year end

"This problem of the 20th century is the problem of the color line."

By Owen McInney  
and Cynthia Kain

W.E.B. DuBois' prophetic statement made early this century still rings true evidenced by the rise in hate crimes, the resegregation of schools, persistent discrimination in housing and employment and the gross injust

tice of the justice system.

As 1993 drew to a close, there remained a vacancy in the position of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, the chief enforcer of the Civil Rights laws. The withdrawal of President Clinton's latest nominee for the job, Washington, D.C. lawyer John Payton, speaks volumes to the reality that we're coming to the end of the 20th century lacking a coherent Civil Rights policy.

The attacks on University of Pennsylvania law professor Lani Guinier, President Clinton's first nominee to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights division and the subsequent withdrawal of her nomination without the benefit of a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, vaulted Guinier into the spotlight. Supporters insisted that Guinier, who earned her reputation fighting to increase African-Americans in the political system, was eminently qualified for the post.

Guinier suggests that her withdrawal is symbolic of the nation's refusal to hold an honest dialogue on race. Critics lobbed a barrage of unwarranted attacks, dubbing Guinier a "Quota Queen."

"We are in a state of denial about race and racism. Because I talked openly about existing divisions I was branded race obsessed," noted

Guinier, who has gained a hearing in the court on public opinion. Guinier, staunchly supported by Civil Rights and women's organizations, publicly challenged President Clinton to hold a national summit on race, similar to his summit on economics. The call remains unanswered.

Racial injustice under the law was personified by last year's continuation of the drama and aftermath of the Rodney King beating. The mixed verdicts in the Civil Rights trial of the Los Angeles policemen accused of beating Rodney King took some by surprise. Two of the four officers, Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell, were convicted. The partial justice quelled the anticipated uprising in Los Angeles.

Last year the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the five white plaintiffs who challenged the constitutionality of a North Carolina congressional districting plan that created two majority black districts. North Carolina, which has a long history of black political exclusion, created the districts in response to violations of the Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court's ruling raised major questions about the protection of voting rights for African Americans calling into question the provisions of the Voting Rights Act itself.

On the economic front, a signif-

icant case has decided that has far-reaching effects. The settlement of a suit against the Nashville-based Shoney's restaurant chain resulted in the largest employment discrimination award in history. Shoney's agreed to pay African American employees \$105 million and to implement an aggressive companywide program to increase job opportunities at all levels for African Americans. The settlement sent a message that racial dis-

crimination is not only against the law, but costly, noted Elaine R. Jones, director of counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which brought the suit.

As the new year begins, Congress is expected to continue to debate on the get tough Crime Bill. The measure adopted by the Senate would propose \$2 billion for the construction of new prisons across the country. Sentencing guidelines and other

provisions would severely and unfairly impact on African Americans, immigrants and juveniles as young as 13, who would be subject to adult criminal prosecution. The crime bill underscores the reality that 23 percent of all young black men are caught up in the criminal justice system. That there are more African American men behind bars than on college campus speaks to the dismal state of affairs.

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male Duncan Kennedy, who is white. Both of them were then beaten up by the group of 15 skinheads. Various skinhead groups have been responsible for a rash of violence against non-whites in Germany over the past three years.

—SUHL, GERMANY

**EVERS MURDER TRIAL TURNS BACK CLOCK IN MISSISSIPPI:** The state of Mississippi began a new attempt recently to right a 30-year wrong. It begins its third attempt to convict avowed racist Byron de la Beckwith for the June 1963 assassination of Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers. De la Beckwith, 73, was tried twice in 1964. But, in each case all white juries could not reach a verdict. The murder of Evers marked the beginning of one of the most violent phases of the Civil Rights movement when various racist groups launched scores of attacks on protesting blacks. Meanwhile, de la Beckwith began the trial, which began in January, still unrepentant, saying of the Evers' murder, "I don't know who killed him and I don't care."

—JACKSON, MS

**BLACKS, ESPECIALLY MALES, RECEIVING FEWER DOCTORATES:** The number of African Americans receiving Ph.D.'s has declined by about nine percent during the last 10 years. According to a study released in January by the American Council on Education, the number was 1,047 in 1982, but only 951 in 1992. However, the biggest decline occurred among black males. In 1982, 505 doctorates were received by black females while only 386 were received by black males. Washington, D.C. NAACP head Wade Henderson took the report as a warning: "It certainly confirms our fears that black males are an endangered species in academia." Overall, the number of black women receiving Ph.D.'s fell by less than one percent, while the number for black males fell by 19 percent.

—WASHINGTON, DC

**DOCTORS SAID TO INFORM BLACK WOMEN LESS:** A study by a University of North Carolina professor says doctors appear less likely to inform black women about the dangers of smoking and drinking while pregnant than they are to tell white women. According to Dr. Milton Kotlichuk, "It is a very disturbing finding that all prenatal care isn't equal." Excessive smoking and drinking lead to low birth weight babies. And, black babies are twice as likely as white ones to die before their first birthday, and low birth weight is a major risk factor for premature death. Dr. Kotlichuk's findings were published recently in *The American Journal of Public Health*.

—CHAPEL HILL, NC

**MAJOR TRAGEDY BREWING IN ZAIRE:** Another African nation stands on the verge of a major human tragedy primarily because of man-made conditions. The country is the central African nation of Zaire (formerly the Congo), and the impending starvation and economic collapse results from internal strife produced by a desperate bid of President Mobutu Sese Seko to cling to power. Mobutu came to power — reportedly with the help of America's C.I.A. — in 1965. Since that time he has become a billionaire by plundering his mineral-rich country. His rule is now being challenged by opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi. The power struggle had led to the virtual collapse of the economy with inflation running at over 8,000 percent a year. Chaos reigns in the country and signs of starvation have already begun to appear.

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for our kids and our neighborhoods," Greenburg said. The police chief, who as a young man was a sales carrier for the Houston Informer, said he supports the president's crime bill, the object of which is to put 100,000 more police on city streets across the nation.

South Carolina State senator McKinley Washington reminded the black media that they need to promote the "extended family" concept in their publications. He said that black efforts at the state and national levels have provided blacks with as much legal rights as can be expected. A minister as well as elected official, Washington pointed out that "it is up

to our generation to use its influence" to spread common values and respect through all segments of black society. Strengthening family values and structure was also promoted by Nelson Rivers III, in his presentation to the conference. Head of South Carolina's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) branches, Rivers asked, "Whose responsibility is it to curb crime, drugs and violence in our communities, except us?"

For us to gain economic parity, we will require our forming coalitions to confront businesses and corporate America for reciprocity, stated State Senator Robert Ford. A businessman

and legislator, Ford said that blacks must stop spending monies with people who won't return anything to them. And, NNPA President Robert Bogle said that, "In building our foundations, black publishers must remember the reasons that the black press came into being in the first place." He emphasized that, "the need for our voice is as great now as it was in the beginning." Bogle, who is also publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune, said black-oriented newspapers have to be at the forefront of addressing the overall problems of Black America. "We must be the ones to provide hope and direction if our industry, and the people we serve, are

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## OPINION EDITORIAL

### True meaning of Black History

What does celebrating Black History mean? Should we only celebrate our history with lavish luncheons and concerts for one month or should we celebrate our history everyday?

Although Carter G. Woodson created the idea of celebrating our history for one week, then expanded it to a month, black history is an everyday celebration. We should acknowledge our heritage every morning when we arise and every night before we retire. We should thank our African ancestors for being the proud and brave people that they were, and for passing on such a rich, colorful and diverse heritage to us.

Black History does not mean only African-Americans, but it means African-Haitians, African-Jamaicans, African-Trinidadians, African-Barbadians, and all black people of African descent who reside all over this world. We all can be traced back to Africa and we should be proud of it. We should celebrate the good and bad aspects of our history, because it is through these happenings, that we can now say we have a past. Black people are a strong, proud, and beautiful race and our past is something we want to keep alive forever.

It takes more than a month to acknowledge who and what we are. We should not wait for the month of February to pay tribute to our ancestors and heroes. By doing this, we say to mainstream America "yes we are only worth being acknowledged for one month."

It is up to us to acknowledge our heritage so that it is evident to everyone that we are proud of our history and will use its lessons to ensure our successful future.

### Child Watch

## An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

by Marian Wright Edelman

The Senate has passed two very important prevention provisions for children, the measures are called, appropriately, "Ounce of Prevention." As proposed by Senators Dadd and Domenici, federal money would be available for after-school, summer and extracurricular programs, for elementary and secondary school age children. For thousands of children, this will mean more daily doses of attention and guidance as well as constructive outlets for youthful energy. Hopefully this will also mean less exposure to violence and more opportunities for cultural, academic, and athletic development. We need to make sure that the "Ounce of Prevention" provisions become law.

The first of these provisions included by Senator Dodd of Connecticut, establishes the Ounce of Prevention Council and gives \$75 million annually for after-school substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. In 1991, 67 percent of mothers with young children were in the civilian labor force. Meaningful after-school and summer programs would ease the burden of expensive child care or worry about unsupervised children for many working families.

The second of these provisions was introduced by Senator Domenici of New Mexico. He has recommended a community schools youth services provision and an Olympic youth development centers provision. Both would be administered by the Ounce of Prevention Council to foster the development of quality programs for underprivileged children throughout the nation.

The community schools youth services provision would establish public-private partnerships for the creation of supervised sports programs, extracurricular and academic programs for use after school, on weekends, holidays and during the summer. These programs would serve children ages five to 18 who live in communities with significant poverty and juvenile delinquency rates. \$100 million has been proposed for each of the four years that the given programs are approved.

The Olympic youth development centers provision would pay for supervised sports and recreation programs for children ages eight to 18. The program money could be used to renovate facilities, purchase sporting equipment, hire instructors, and provide meals and limited health services (e.g., a basic initial physical exam, first aid, and nutrition guidance). Priority is to be given to children from low-income communities and high crime areas with demonstrated need. Fifty million dollars is authorized for the first years and \$25 million for each of the three subsequent years. We know that children who have opportunities for achievement and a connection with caring adults greatly improve their chances of success.

The ounce of prevention provisions have wonderful potential as we work to reclaim our youth and our communities. It is still up to us to talk to our children's teachers and coaches, make sure that our children do their homework and say their prayers, and most of all to encourage them in their efforts. Our children deserve to be filled with hope and surrounded by opportunities. The prevention pieces of Crime Bill take us one step closer to them both.

Please call your representatives and senators as soon as possible and ask them to vote for the "Ounce of Prevention" provisions in the Crime Bill. All senators and representatives can be reached through the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. 202-224-3121, or Write U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 or U.S. House of Representatives, D.C. 20515.

### Life's little instructions

Never remind someone of a kindness or act of generosity you have shown him or her.  
Bestow a favor then forget it.



by Connie Woodruff

Some of the political moves Gov. Christie Whitman is making may be coming from her vast knowledge of how politics works or she may be getting very good advice from two savvy political operatives, Hazel Gluck, co-chairman of the Whitman transition team and Shaw, the governor's chief of staff.

It doesn't matter much who the mastermind is (it's very possible it could be one of the many men smart enough to jump on the Whitman bandwagon), the fact is Gov. Whitman must have the old boys network in a tizzy over the number of women she is appointing to decision making positions.

My prediction is that when Ms. Whitman leaves office women will never be overlooked again no matter what the gender of a New Jersey governor.

The time will finally arrive when Democratic women will demand and get the recognition long overdue in return for their votes that can make or break a candidate.

If you've got it, flaunt it. And that's exactly what Christie Whitman, a woman who knows how to use power, is doing with the power she has as governor. The walls of gender bias are tumbling down with her appointment of women to cabinet and

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sub-cabinet posts they never held before.

While the Democrats are frantically searching for a new state chairwoman, the Republicans have given GOP state chair, Virginia Littell a much deserved second term.

Will the Democrats play follow-the-leader and choose a woman to lead the party back to victory? Or maybe, just for a real change of pace will they consider an African-American?

The latter is far-fetched, but given the erosion of black votes in the Democratic column, it's worth serious consideration.

U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg is up for re-election this year and given the persistent ugly mood of the voters who are taking a fender deflating in booting incumbents out of office, the Senator may need a different twist to keep the faithful and loyal in line.

One assumes that like all incumbents, Lautenberg has a comfortable way chest. If not, he has plenty of his own money and this campaign will be fueled by moola and lots of it.

However, six years ago that was one of the complaints. The Democrats spent very little money on voter registration, education and get-out-the-vote on election day.

The Republican candidate spent

even less because the party made no effort to reach out for minority support. The name of Pete Dawson meant zilch to African-Americans and Latinos in either party.

In 1994, however, if the man with the odd name is the GOP candidate, he won't have to spend a lot of time as Dawson did trying to get statewide recognition.

As Republican Assembly Speaker Garbett (Chuck) Hayatin (pronounced Ha-Tie-An) can expect help from GOP biggies like the Governor who attended his recent fund-raiser, national Republican leaders and his reputation as an anti-tax legislator.

Hayatin asked his guests to pay \$56 to attend the gala event where he celebrated his 56th birthday with 1,000 boosters despite snow, icy roads and zero level temperatures.

Hayatin is not expected to make his candidacy official until March, but as I see it, the man is off and running and intends to give Lautenberg a run for his money.

To quote a statement in the Star Ledger, "Star Boss says she may test the political waters to run for mayor in the May nonpartisan election."

Boxt followed her husband, Fred, on the Irvington council prior to being tapped to run as an at-large Freeholder. She was expected to step down as Freeholder president in Jan-

uary but opted to stay on in that position although it has been rumored for more than a year she was interested in becoming Irvington's first black female mayor.

Some of the folks who attended the wind down on Tom D'Alessio's trial to hear his testimony, raised political eyebrows all over the state.

Many were there to see how D'Alessio would react to the pressure of direct and cross-examination. Others were there to spy for the hopefuls eying his county executive post and still others had been character witnesses for the embattled ex-Sheriff.

LeRoy J. Jones, Jr. of East Orange and Attorney Niah H. Gill of Montclair took the oath of office as new Democratic Assembly members January 11 and they're a breath of fresh air among Assemblypersons from Essex County.

Jones has been around the political hustings a few times. He gave up his Freeholder seat to run for the Assembly. But no matter, he can be expected to more than adequately represent the people in the 27th district.

Edito Gill, serving in her first elected office. They defeated Orange mayor Bob Brown and East Orange councilwoman Quilla Talmadge last year as members of an insurgent Democratic ticket.

# Why do we resist integration?

Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

From the beginning of our time in this place, we have spoken with retrospect. We have judged the quality of our lives by reference to past events.

We have demanded and spoken in negatives. We have spoken in anger, out of a bottomless pit of bitterness. We have spoken in hatred for and against anger and hatred. We have spoken against segregation. We have demanded desegregation as the necessary means toward "our" ends. These have not been bad things we have done. But we have spoken too long of separate rights. Segregation.

Never have we, or leaders of any color, class or race spoken clearly and consistently of integration and the power of integration to strengthen and empower America.

I am an integrationist, and though I have been criticized for this by some, and ignored by others—I all ways will be an integrationist. For believe there is a compelling need inherent in the idea of America that must take priority over any individual, private need. I believe the response to America's need requires all of America's diverse working cooperatively, not at counter force to one another. I believe the essence of integration, its purpose, is to work cooperatively for betterment, not just of one race, class, person or group but of all people. I believe difference contributing to the struggle is inclusive, of and responsive to all human needs.

So why are we of all races, colors, and classes so viciously resistant to integration? We resist out of ignorance and fear, out of self-centeredness and profit, out of hatred and out of a perverted sense of revenge.

Advocates, politicians and ethnic leaders prey on the people's fear in order to profit personally. Pick any member of congress, any caucus, lobbyist or coalition you like—take a good look at them. These people create and support high living for themselves (look at their wardrobes, double speak, and nonsensical language) that is sustained by creating and worsening our fears. With allied foundations we pay them to "fight against" what they tell us we should fear. They are nothing more than peddlers of the status quo, for their own personal profit. Our fear buys high living that "leaders" have become accustomed to, and which they

fear losing.

Peddlers of fear for profit allow us to completely overlook our own power of integration. But deep inside many of us is the fear of integration as an idea and, with little practice in it, the uncertainty of integration as a way of being.

We are not sure that integration is good for America; but more to the point, we are not sure that we want to touch the hand of difference, whatever the difference: color, class, creed or sex. We are in a constant state of retrospection: Fixed in the shadow of past events.

From the beginning, as far back as anti-bellum America, we have struggled for women's rights and against oppression of women and Negroes. We have fought for Civil rights and women rights. It seems we will always be fighting against injustice and discrimination—of all the "separate" kinds. But we have stood back from holding hands for the good of America, all.

We fight separately because of hate undergirded by fear. We undermine freedom. We undermine freedom's possibility. We foreclose the freeing of America. We stand off at our own peril undermining our democracy: our inclusion, our influence. In our fear we undermine all of America's possibility.

We pay the peddler for his own profit. Pay him to maintain a status quo that is killing us today and making our heirs suffer the same struggle, never changing, for generations. Bitterness, anger, self-centeredness; a people forever vengeful believing, misguidedly, that there is a score to settle and they have been ordained to settle it. Believing that hurt and hate and separateness will settle the score.

Dr. Martin Luther King said in the 1960s, what describes our condition in the 1990s: There is a darkness in the psychological order, a darkness in the social order, and a darkness in the moral order in America. "Darkness," he says "cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil—hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars—must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation" [In Strength to Love, 1963].

Hate harms, holds down, har-

nesses—not just the hated but, most especially, the one who hates. A soul sickness, a burden originating and weighted down from within the self. Hate does not heal. Hate hurts. No one functions effectively and healthily while hanging on to the pain of hate.

"I am the word of God spoken only once," someone said in a recent weekend retreat. Acting in the light of love in my life, I affirm the word of love. I am the (my) church: the embodiment of good. No caucus, politician or "leader" can be for me what I must be for myself. I am responsible. The transformation begins with my transformation.

The transformation of the world is our responsibility (America, all), and it begins with us.

Again reflecting the 1990s, Melvin B. Tolson wrote in 1939, "Today's New Negro must teach the young white man how to row his boat

called the race problem. This will be difficult, for there are so many misdeeds, white and black, and who about the wrong instructions from the bank. If these disillusioned and prejudiced old heads would keep their mouths shut, the young Negro and the young white man would learn the trick of removing their bodies and paddles in unison."

Integration means cooperation. Together we are the true strength that empowers America. The darkness King talks about cannot be overcome until we have joined together transcending our fear and hatred. Until we become a nation unified to open itself to all people, knowing that there is enough for all, and all will be provided for. Integration is the light—the love and warmth, comfort and conjoined activism—of a healing nation, one that has no need to hoard, hate, or hold on to the status quo. Together we overcome.

## Quote of the week

I must oppose any attempt that Negroes may make to do to others what has been done to them.... I know the spiritual wasteland to which that road leads... whoever debases others is debasing himself.  
— James Baldwin

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## Kids Kalendar

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
NEWARK—At the Newark Museum "Black History Month Family Theater" 2 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Jersey City Museum, 472 Jersey Ave., will host a winter course "Cultural Coverings," that will allow children ages 4 and up to express ideas about their heritage by drawing pictures on a paper vest 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$4.

**FEBRUARY 5&6**  
NEW YORK—Children's Museum of art presents the viewing of Giant Animal Sculptures. From 12 noon - 3 p.m. \$1 material fee, ages five-10.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
NEWARK—At the Newark Museum, Black History Month Program at 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

**PLAINFIELD**—The New Jersey Youth Symphony presents its winter concert featuring orchestral and choral works, at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church, at 4 p.m. Admission is \$5, for ticket information call 908-771-5544.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library presents a free program for children grades K-9 on "World Folk Arts/Dance Mosaic" at 7:30 p.m. For further information call 757-1111.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
NEW YORK—Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating 3-Dimensional greeting cards.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
SOMERSET—Narman Valley Community College presents "Twist and Tween-Youth and Family Theater, The storyteller uses issues of self-esteem, resolving conflicts, peer pressure and coping to relate to kids. For ticket information call 908-725-3420.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
SUMMIT—At the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts "Puppets' Workshop" (ages 3-6). After a puppet show children will have a chance to manipulate rod, glove, ventriloquist and marionette puppets. The children will then make their own puppet to take home. 3:30-5 p.m. For more info. call 908-273-9121.

## Newark presents arts in the schools

NEWARK—The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) will sponsor its annual, "Arts-In-The-Schools" series, in honor of Black History Month. This year's entertainment will be provided by the Rod Rodgers Dance Company.

The New York-based troupe, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is looking to bring something special to

### Plainfield High students host AIDS benefit concert

PLAINFIELD—The Vocal Music Department of Plainfield High School and the Plainfield High School Class of 1996 present "An AIDS Benefit Gospel Concert" on Saturday, February 5, 1994 in the Plainfield High School Auditorium, 950 Park Avenue. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Gospel Artists scheduled to appear are: Malaco recording artist, Evang. Dorothy Norwood, Rev. Lawrence Roberts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rutgers, N.J., Recording artist CeCe Rogers, and soloist Nancy Jackson. General admission is \$5.00, with an exception for children under 12 and senior citizens, which is \$2.50 and PHS students \$3.00 with school identification.

### Newark SAT exam rescheduled

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education is reminding students that the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 5, at 8 a.m. The exam was originally scheduled for January 22, but was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.

Students scheduled to take the exam must report to their designated sites on the morning of February 5. For more information contact your school's guidance counselor.

their Gateway City performance. The dance company was featured in the 1984 Olympics Cultural Celebrations in Los Angeles, and was the only group of American artists invited to participate in a special tribute to "Africa Today," an event sponsored by the United Nations General Assembly and hosted by acclaimed actor-singer Harry Belafonte.

The series is as follows:  
Feb. 9, 9 Side H.S. (403 S. Or ange Av.) 1 p.m.  
Feb. 10 Science H.S. (800 Broad St.) 10 a.m.  
Feb. 10 Arts H.S. (550 MLK Blvd.) 1 p.m.  
Feb. 16 Shabazz H.S. (80 Johnson Av.) 10 a.m.  
Feb. 16 E. Side H.S. (236 Van Buren) 1 p.m.  
Feb. 23 1 p.m. University H.S. (55 Clinton Pl.) 10 a.m.  
Feb. 23 Weequahic H.S. (279 Chancellor Av.) 1 p.m.

## NJSM offers scouting Astronomy program

TRENTON—Calling all Scouts! The New Jersey State Museum Planetarium will be offering a Scouting Astronomy program to aid Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other interested groups in preparing for astronomy merit badges. Scouting Astronomy will be offered each Saturday in February (5, 12, 19 and 26) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Groups need attend only one session. Each program deals with identifying star groups throughout the year, the motions and phases of the moon, and the motions and physical characteristics of the planets.

### Beard School offers scholarship exam

MORRISTOWN—Beard School invites students entering the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade in September 1994 to participate in a Competitive Scholarship Examination on Saturday, February 5, at 9 a.m. at the School. The winner will be awarded a five, six or seven year full-tuition scholarship, to be determined by the

1 p.m.  
Feb. 25 W. Kinney H.S. (301 W. Kinney St.) 10 a.m.

Feb. 25 Central H.S. (100 Summit St.) 1 p.m.  
CBarringer H.S. (80 Parker St.) 1 p.m.

According to Celeste Bateman Mangan, Cultural Affairs Supervisor for DORCA, "the award-winning ensemble has reached both sophisticated and grass roots audiences, for a quarter of a century, with thought-provoking dramatizations. Their performances enlighten and celebrate the African-American experience, while challenging ethnic stereotypes."

"The troupe brings a unique and rhythmic style of contemporary dance, which educates and entertains. Newark high school students are in store for a real treat."



**EAST ORANGE**—Young residents of the Isiah House prepare for a trip to the medowlands to see a basketball game between the NJ Nets and Detroit Pistons. (Front row, l-r) Dominique McPhatter, Naimah Mack, Latrece McPhatter. (Rear, l-r) Latoshia Carter, Sadiyyah Porter and Elise Brandon. The tickets were given by Mayor Cooper. Photo by Glen Friesen

## Children's days out program

EAST ORANGE—The City of East Orange in conjunction with the East Orange School District will sponsor the "Days Out" Program for school children during school holidays in February. Registration for the Program has already begun and continues through February 18.

The "Days Out" Program, entitled "Know Your Culture," will be held February 22-25, and will highlight programs that stress cultural awareness in recognition of Black History Month, including field trips to historic black theaters, recreational programs, dance instruction, arts and crafts and more.

The Program was created in 1993 to provide educational and fun-filled activities for East Orange school children on their days out of school. East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper said, "Over the past year we have found the Days Out Program to be beneficial to both the parent and the school age child in East Orange. We believe it is very important to give our youngsters positive programming on their days out of school."

February's programs include trips to the Apollo Theater in New York, the Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick

and the Afro-American Historical Museum in Philadelphia. Other activities will include African and Caribbean Dance instruction, roller skating, arts and crafts, African Storytelling, movies, ceramics, bowling, and much more.

Fees for the "Days Out" Program are \$5, \$10 or \$15 a day depending on the activity. All participants must provide their own lunch. All activities begin at 8 or 8:30 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m.

Special evening registration will take place at City Hall February 14 - 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In-school registration will be held February 1-4 and February 8 from 8 to 9 a.m. On February 1 parents can register their children at Ashland School (both sites) and Columbian School. On February 2, registration will take place at Elmwood and Franklin Schools and Jackson Academy. Registration on the 3rd will take place at Kentopp, Lincoln and Nassau Schools and on the 4th at Stockton and Washington Schools and Vernon L. Davey Junior High School. Hart Middle School is the site for registration on the 8th. For additional information call the Days Out Hotline at 266-5432.

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## Religious Calendar

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**ORANGE**—The Holmes Brothers Gospel and Blues Band will perform in concert at Wallace's, 404 Washington Ave. Doors open at 8 p.m. For further information call 201-674-4800 after 7 p.m. or 783-0616 in the day.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**HACKENSACK**—Mount Olive Baptist, 260 Central Ave., Church will host an "African Marketplace," as the second event in a series of educational and cultural events in celebration of Black History Month. For more info call 201-489-6868.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**MONTECLAIR**—Community Baptist Church invites you to worship with them at the 11:15 a.m. service. Dr. Clarence Walker will be the guest speaker.

**METUCHEN**—New Hope Baptist Church will kick off its celebration of Black History Month with an Afrocentric theme at 11 a.m. services. To commemorate their Negro History Week at the church, members will wear African clothing. For further information call 908-548-8941.

Send Religious Calendar events to:

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## EO Board of Health offers free health services

**EAST ORANGE**—The East Orange Board of Health will offer free children's immunization, lead testing and registration to the WIC, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC) at the Ampere Branch of the East Orange Public Library, 29 Ampere Plaza Wednesday, February 2, Friday, February 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday, February 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information call the East Orange Board of Health at 266-5480. This program is sponsored by the East Orange Children's Health Initiative Project (CHIP).

## East Orange unveils children's health initiative project

**EAST ORANGE**—Mayor Cardell Cooper and the East Orange Board of Health recently announced that 1994 will focus on the primary health care needs of the city's children. The Children's Health Initiative or CHIP is designed to address the total primary health needs of young citizens.

Mayor Cardell Cooper said, "The health needs of our young citizens will be the focus of a year long comprehensive effort on the part of our City of Health Department. Key to the success of this initiative is an extensive community outreach campaign." The Mayor noted that the participation of community groups, churches and businesses will be enlisted to make sure that the community is aware of the free health care services offered by the East Orange Health Department.

According to Terrence Cahill, President and Chief Executive Officer for East Orange General Hospital, "the Hospital is pleased to support the Children's Health Initiative. Through our Family Health Center, which has provided health care services for children since 1981, we will be able to join the

Health Department and other agencies focusing on the primary health care needs of children in our community." Each month a specific children's health issue will be highlighted and a special program developed.



Members of East Orange Board of Health responsible for implementing CHIP. (L-R) Mary Stanton, acting health officer, Board members, Elaine Pilgrim, Dr. Daniel Desrivieres, and Pauline Smith, Board president.

## Women needed to participate in health study

**NEWARK**—Essex County females insured aged 50 to 79, who are post menopausal and are planning to live in the same area, for at least three years, are urged to volunteer for a major study of the cause and prevention of diseases that threaten the health of older women.

The study, entitled the Women's Health Initiative, is part of a nationwide investigation funded by the National Institutes of Health, based at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, Newark. UMDNJ is New Jersey's university of the health sciences. Volunteers will be questioned about their medical history to determine initial eligibility. Based on the results, they may undergo further

screening to be admitted into one or more of three programs, all of which are free to participants.

The programs will test the effects of a low-fat diet on heart disease, breast cancer and colorectal cancer; the effects of hormone replacement therapy on heart disease and osteoporosis; and the effects of supplemental calcium and vitamin D on colorectal cancer and on bone fractures that result from osteoporosis. The study will last for eight to twelve years, depending on what year participants enter. This length in time is necessary to study the long-term effects of the programs. For more information call 201-982-4000 or 808-WOMEN-10.

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## Parents express concern for children with special needs

**NEWARK**—The parent advisory council for the Handicapped (PACH) urgently requests parents of special needs children and interested community members to attend a forum on Thursday, February 3 at the Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, 8th floor (A and B conference rooms), from 6 - 8 p.m.

According to Venella Merrinweather, leader of PACH, "parents are deeply concerned that crisis

intervention training for teachers who receive mainstreamed special education students has not occurred, disruptive students pose a serious problem within the classroom, causing disciplinary action that interrupts other students' learning. PACH members are also seeking answers from the state on its intervention plan and how it will affect special needs students, staff parents and community.

## Bill makes housing information available to senior citizens

**TRENTON**—The General Assembly recently approved a legislation that would enable senior citizens to obtain vital information regarding their rights as residents of senior citizen housing facilities.

The bill (A-342) is sponsored by Assemblyman Leroy Jones Jr. (D-Essex). "The brutally frigid temperatures this winter underscore the need for this legislation. If a senior citizen lives below their means, they should know what steps they can take to remedy the situation. They shouldn't be sent through a bureaucratic maze

while they are forced to suffer through intolerable living conditions." The legislation would require owners and operators of senior citizen housing facilities to distribute disclosure statements to residents. The statement would include a summary of the rights and responsibilities of the residents as well as the telephone numbers of owners and operators of the facility. Residents also must be provided with the necessary telephone numbers for reporting emergencies or complaints or an owner's failure to respond requests.

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## Health Calendar

### EVERY TUESDAY

**IRVINGTON**—The Irvington Health Center holds free lead testing, and offers WIC program vouchers to qualifying families. From 9:15-10:15 a.m. Walk-ins are welcomed.

### EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**IRVINGTON**—Irvington Health Dept. holds free baby clinics in the afternoon for newborns to 5 years-old at Irvington General Hospital. Call 201-399-6652 for appointment.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**WESTFIELD**—National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County holds a seminar on "Uppers, Downers and All-Arounders" Seminar runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information call 908-233-9810.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**WESTFIELD**—Care-givers support group meets monthly meeting for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lambert Mill Rd. For further information call 908-233-8757.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**WESTFIELD**—Butterfly Cooperative Extension of Union County is offering two Smart and Healthy Supermarket Tours from 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 fee for tour. For further information call 908-654-8954.

Send health calendar events to:

City News  
P.O. Box 1774  
Plainfield, NJ 07061

## Volunteers needed for Newark race

**NEWARK**—Officials of the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) are looking for volunteers for the 20th Annual "Newark Distance Classic (NDC)." The first volunteers' meeting will be held February 10 at 12 noon in the DORCA office (Room B-23, Newark City Hall). Race volunteers will receive free T-shirts.

According to organizers, the "Classic" will award \$2000 to male and female 20-K winners, as well as \$1000 and \$400 for second and third-place finishers, respectively.

The competition kicks off after the close of pre-registration 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the day of the race. There is a fee of \$10.00 for pre-registration which ends on February 18. Post-registration is \$12.00. Entry forms can be obtained through the DORCA office Room B-23, City Hall. To volunteer or register for the 20th Annual "Newark Distance Classic," please call at 201-733-6454 or 733-3749.

## Black History Calendar

### FEBRUARY 1 THRU 6

**NEW YORK CITY**—Coca-Cola presents the 10th anniversary celebration of *Mama I Want To Sing*, live for a limited engagement at the Paramount. For tickets call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**EDISON**—Middlesex County College presents a panel discussion on *Africans in the Diaspora*, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in rooms 319-21 at the college center.

**WAYNE**—The Caribbean Student Association of William Paterson College presents its Bob Marley Luncheon, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. General admission is \$4, \$3 for WPC students.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**EDISON**—Sister Johnnie Miles is keynote speaker at MCC's lecture on *Maintaining Balance in your Sacred Temple: Nutrition and Health Concerns*, at 1-2 p.m. in rooms 319-21 at the college center.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College celebrates Black History Month with a forum entitled *Our Black History in Today's World*, in the Student Center Multicultural Center, at 7 p.m.

**WAYNE**—WPC's Black Student Association will hold its Black History Party from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**EDISON**—MCC continues black history celebration with the showing of the film *Brother From The Future*, at 6 - 10 p.m. in the college center.

**WAYNE**—Brothers for Awareness at WPC presents a show *Africans in America* at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**WAYNE**—AKA chapter at WPC presents "Black Dollar Day" a market of African vendors, starting at 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the student center.

**ORANGE**—The City of Orange presents Shades of Black, a celebration of Black History Month. At the Popperman Ballroom 175 Central Avenue, from 5 - 5 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Gil Noble, host of *Like It Is*. For further information call 201-266-4005.

**NEWARK**—The members of the New Jersey National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) will unveil the portrait of their founder Mary McLeod Bethune on Sunday, February 6 at the Newark Museum at 3 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents showing of the movie, *Super Catch All Day* 7 p.m. For location 608-896-5192.

**EDISON**—Middlesex County College presents an African Dance workshop with instructor Cindy Nicholas, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room 156 Phys. Ed. center.

**WAYNE**—Brothers for Awareness presents a lecture entitled, *State-sponsored Violence Against Youth in Haiti*. At 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Student Center 324-5, speaker will be Professor Raynold Bello.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents the showing of images and reality. *The African-American Woman in the student center Multicultural center*, from 11:30 a.m. at 7 p.m. There will be a forum on *The Caribbean After Slavery*, in the student center Fireside Lounge.

**WPC**—Brothers for Awareness presents a lecture on *State Sponsored Violence Against Youth in Haiti*. At 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the student center 203-5, speaker will be Carlos Versano, co-founder of Institute of Destitute Youth in Brazil.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**EDISON**—MCC presents a lecture entitled, *Free your mind: Mental Slavery and Its Effect on You*, at 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room 314 college center. Speaker will be Audrey Davis.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents a forum on *African and African-influenced Countries*, in the student center theater at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**EDISON**—MCC presents a Blues performance by Dr. Blue at 12 noon - 1 p.m. in the college center.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—New Jersey State Bar Association presents an art exhibit featuring the works of prominent black artists. A reception will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. For further information call 908-249-5000.

**WAYNE**—WPC NAACP chapter will hold its Semi-formal Ball at 8 p.m. - midnight, in the student center ballroom.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**JERSEY CITY**—The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

presents a discussion entitled *Remembering the Ancestors—Creating a National Memorial to Commemorate the African Holocaust and Diaspora*. The group will meet at 12 noon. For further information call 201-875-4902.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College will hold a forum entitled *Young Leaders of Color and Promise in the student center* from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**EDISON**—MCC presents a lecture entitled *New Jack Scholars* from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room 177B, Edison Hall.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**WAYNE**—WPC's Student Activities Programming Board presents the showing of the movie *Bopha*, starring Danny Glover, at 9 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.

**EDISON**—MCC presents a lecture by Muhammad Abdul Rahman, entitled *Our Ancestors, Heroes and heroines*. From 12 noon - 1 p.m. in rooms 319-21 in the college center.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents the showing of the film, *The Black Cowboy and Back and The Preacher*, in the student center Multicultural room, at 11:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**WAYNE**—Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality presents a lecture entitled *State Sponsored Violence Against Youth in South Africa*, at 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the student center ballroom.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents an Inspirational Gospel Choir Concert in the student center Cavalry room at 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**EDISON**—MCC presents a lecture by Hassan Salim, entitled *African Spirituality*, from 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Bunker Lounge in the college center.

**WAYNE**—Caribbean Student Association presents a lecture entitled, *State sponsored Violence Against Youth—African Americans*. Speaker will be Literary critic Ivan Van Sertima. Lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Hall 2008.

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College presents a lecture on Thurgood Marshall, entitled, *Thurgood Marshall: In The Cause of Human Rights*. Speaker will be Dr. Harvey Korbeg, professor of Political Science. Lecture begins at 12 noon in the Gill Memorial Chapel.

### FEBRUARY 17-19

**LAWRENCEVILLE**—Rider College Theater presents *The Colored Museum* 10 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theater, admission is \$8.



# CITY LIFE

## Drums in the Global Village

# Michael Jackson: Victim of media money machine

Part one of two

In an effort to provide alternative perspectives on the Michael Jackson child molestation case, "Drums in the Global Village" presents the first part of a two-part guest column on Michael Jackson and the media by Dr. Vicky Gholson, a well-known media specialist and commentator at Utda Burroughs

by Vicky Gholson, Ph.D.

NPPA—When we find ourselves having produced one of the most powerful and influential entertainment industry leaders, it is ironic we render ourselves silent to the face of assaultment the assault of an industry,

but an assault of the mere idea that a man of African descent can be a master of black images and obtain massive wealth in the process.

Michael Jackson is a smoke screen in a continuous media machine to reduce our image to the distortion normally displayed by news media. Michael has taken the black image and given it the dignity and prominence it had not seen in years. (Forget about his skin color: Remember the African images in the Remember the Time video, which was released during African-American History Month? Remember the multicultural focus and image expressed in the Black or White video?)

People have been mesmerized by his soap opera of non-information.

What is at fault, is an industry created for the development of mediocre talent, at best. What has not been called into question with the notable exception of the Los Angeles chapter of the NAACP is the lack of journalistic responsibility in transmitting, for the most part, tales of gossip.

Too often we forget that the aim of the mass media is to influence public opinion. In the 8 o'clock news, we witness a daily bloodletting of those of African descent being sacrificed to maintain the image of purity.

The artist is involved in creative processes which foster independent thought and action. He or she is feared by those who have no command of those processes.

In corporate America, the self-

esteem, humanistic spirit and aspirations of African Americans are being controlled, suppressed and altered every day. Too often, black workers' earnings are used as a barometer for others who are rewarded when they surpass it.

With this in mind, the media assault against Michael Jackson has created money to be spent, new personalities to be quoted, and increases in audiences for tabloid TV shows and rags that would not normally be doing this well in an unstable economy. (I am reminded of the photographs that nearly crushed the Jackson women while trying to get a shot of the men during 1984 "Victory Tour" press conference in New York City.)

Why is it that the accusations

have mostly been carried in news pages, but when Jackson receives a standing ovation at the recent NAACP Image Awards, it's just a small item in the entertainment sections?

Isn't it then a historical pattern of using blacks to react to a depressed economy? These accusations could have come years ago while they come now, in the wake of urban rebellions, the downsizing of corporate America and the general lackluster of today's media events? The problem is between those who control the creative process and those who control the money, the latter would rather destroy the former than co-exist.

Vicky Gholson, Ph.D. is a media professional with over 15 years experience in several aspects of mass media.

## Rhythm and Blues Foundation announces 1994 pioneer awards

### Little Richard Honored for Lifetime Achievement

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Rhythm and Blues Foundation, dedicated to the celebration and preservation of one of America's most important art forms, recently announced the recipients of the 1994 Annual Pioneer Awards.

In addition, the Foundation will bestow its Ray Charles Lifetime Achievement Award on one of the most impressive talents of all-time, Little Richard. Through the Pioneer Awards the Foundation honors the women and men who created an art form that is a wellspring for contemporary popular music and is deeply reflective of American life and culture.

The Foundation has previously recognized the work of such diverse and brilliant artists as Ruth Brown, Adele Franklin, James Brown, Hank Ballard, Bobby "Blue" Bland, and Jimmy Scott.

The recipients of the 1994 Rhythm and Blues Foundation Pioneer Awards are:

1. **Otis Blackwell**—Contributed significantly to the last 40 years of American music as a songwriter/pianist. His works fueled the careers of artists Little Willie Henry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley.
2. **Jerry Butler**—The "Iconian," gained prominence as a member of the Chicago-based group, The Impressions with the 1958 hit, "For Your Precious Love." And other hits such as, "Make It Easy on Yourself," "Dream Merchant," and "Hey Western Union Man."
3. **Clarence Carter**—Noted for his soulful song writing and story-telling and deep, old-time blues feeling. His hits... Slip Away, Too Weak to Fight, and Making Love (At the Dark End of the Street) and Patches.
4. **Don Covay**—Singer-songwriter Covay drew liberally from the black Baptist gospel tradition writing See Saw and Chain of Fools both big hits for Aretha Franklin. Charted himself with Pony Time, Merry, Mercy, and I Was Checkin' Out She Was Checkin' In.
5. **Bill Doggett**—In the 30s and 40s, Doggett worked with Lucky Millinder, Lionel Hampton, Count Basie, The Ink Spots, Louis Armstrong, and Louis Jordan among others. He became a major R&B

instrumentalist in the 50s with Hooty Toot (Parts 1 & 2) and Ram-Bunk-Shush.

6. **Mable John**—A vocalist of resonant sensuality, John's solo work is featured on Your Good Thing (Is About to Come to an End) and Able Mable. Before joining Star Records as a soloist, John recorded for Berry Gordy, Jr. on Tamla and was the lead singer for the Rascettes.

7. **Ben E. King**—King was the lead singer for the legendary Drifters. There Goes My Baby, This Magic Moment, and Save the Last Dance for Me.

8. **Johnny Otis**—Major force in Los Angeles in the 40s and 50s, Otis commanded a multifaceted career as a drummer, band leader, talent scout, composer, music publisher, writer and historian, recording executive and more.

9. **Earl Palmer**—New Orleans-based drummer. In the great Dave Bartholomew Band he was the power behind Fats Domino.

10. **Irma Thomas**—The "Soul Queen of New Orleans," Thomas' vocal style is noted for its soul-scaring power and earth-shaking power.

Her accomplishments include: Her work set a new standard with his like Yakety Yak, Charlie Brown, Polk.

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### Business Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The **Hyacinth AIDS Foundation** and the **NJSBP** presents a free legal information workshop, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For further information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**PENNSAUKEN**—Burlington County **Black Business and Professional Assoc., Inc.** presents "Black Business 101" at the South Jersey Expo Center, from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. For further information call 908-427-5673.

WEDNESDAY THRU MARCH 23

**CRAWFORD**—UCC presents a non-credit course on how to prepare income tax returns, the course will run two hours from 7-9 p.m. for further information call 908-709-7600.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Destination **MBB**, free, educational seminar for minority college students and graduates under represented in the profession of business administration at the Somerset Marriott Hotel. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Workshops follow from 1:00 to 3 p.m. Call 908-246-2878.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—New Jersey **State Bar Foundation** presents a free public seminar on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, from 7 - 9 p.m. in the New Jersey Law Center. For further information call 908-249-5000, ext. 7518.

FEBRUARY 8 THRU MARCH 22

**MONTCLAIR**—New Jersey Association of **Women Business Owners (NJAOWBO)** presents its writer seminar **EXCEL** entrepreneurial training program, *Are You An Entrepreneur?* and *Start Right! Build Right!* from 6 - 9 p.m. For further information call 908-707-0173.

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City News  
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by William Reed

As we start 1994, the mayoral reigns of four of the nation's five largest cities are now in the hands of white men. While African Americans used to lead municipal governments in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago and Detroit, these days only Dennis Archer in Detroit is a black office holder among the nation's big city mayors. In regards to this situation, a question being bandied about America's urban neighborhoods, is "why are blacks no longer in these mayoral positions?" Many of the nation's blacks are busy citing racism on the part of white voters, as the main reason that African Americans have disappeared from the mayor's office in these cities. But, a question that blacks need to ask themselves, and their black political office holders, is "How busy have you been in making the government work for the people in our city?"

Other questions to ponder: What is the current state of America's cities? In light of increased black voter participation and an increased number of African Americans being elected in places like New Orleans, Newark and Cleveland, how well has this corp of black mayors performed? What does managing for results have to do with blacks and their voting patterns? What did black voters ex-

pect from African American mayors, and their governments when they elected them? Do blacks hold their elected officials accountable in regards to the job descriptions of the positions they hold? And, does election to, and the holding of, public office equate to the level of "power" that many blacks think that it does. Is it the job of mayors of cities to produce jobs and business operations for residents? Or, is making sure that the trash is picked up on time the prime responsibility of city mayors? What is managing for results, and how does kissing babies relate to the duties of the chief administrator of cities?

Black urban dwellers can find some answers to these "management" questions in the February issue of *Financial World* magazine. In an article entitled "State of the Cities," *Financial World* talks about dramatic improvements in city management. Although it does not delve into the racism that both blacks and whites possibly exhibit in their voting patterns, the article does explain the concept of "managing for results" in a manner that concerned citizens can understand. For example, Contributing Editor Katherine Barrett explains: "The techniques vary from citizen surveys to including statistical measures of performance in the budget. But at the heart it's simply a matter of refusing attention from how much money is being spent to what the money is actually buying. Faced with angry

and disgusted taxpayers, city leaders are learning that they finally have to show the actual benefits of the billions of dollars they spend. It's the process of holding politicians accountable."

"For several years now, we have covered the often-ignored field of government management, as opposed to politics. It is a pleasure to discover cities that are developing ways to replace the old-style business as usual with a new attention to results," says FW President and Editor in Chief

Douglas McIntyre. The magazine rates Austin, TX; New York City, Phoenix; Portland, OR; Indianapolis and Milwaukee as leading the pack toward setting up systems of budget and performance accountability. Detroit, which was led by Mayor Coleman Young for 20 years, is at the back of the pack. Washington, D.C., which has had 20 years of black leadership in its mayor's office is "lagging," as is New Orleans. New black mayors in Memphis, Denver and Cleveland get "moving

up" marks.

At city, state and national levels, black voters can get their elected officials to be more accountable by shifting political debate from an emotional exercise to an economic one. Taxpayers, who should be focused on gaining better information about what your dollars are actually buying. Black voters need to stop boasting about having blacks in political offices and start to measure the real benefits they are gaining from the individual.

News Analysis

## State of the union and blacks in America

by William Reed

During January, addresses on "The State of the Union" and "The State of Black America 1994" were made here in the nation's capital. In his speech, before the 104th Congress, President Clinton said: "America will never be complete in its renewal, unless everyone shares in its bounty." He said that if we give people equal opportunity, quality education and a fair shot at the American dream, they will do extraordinary things. Clinton, whose national approval rating is up to 60 percent, pledged to enforce all Civil Rights laws and said that the nation's recovery is tied to giving all our people the education, training and skills they need to seize the opportunities of tomorrow.

Less than a week before Clinton spoke to the joint session of the Congress, National Urban League President John Jacob, told an audience gathered at the National Press Building. "Today, I call on the President and the Congress to create an opportunity of environment by making job

training and job creation for the disadvantaged a top priority. We want to see the President press as hard for jobs as he did for NAFTA."

In his final "State of Black America" presentation before his retirement from the Civil Rights organization, Jacob said that it is the League's belief that self-development is the firmest strategic foundation to assure continual African-American progress. Taking a turn from traditional Civil Rights rhetoric, the veteran leader called upon African-Americans to rely less on government and more on themselves to overcome poverty and violence. Nevertheless, in a focal point of his presentation, Jacob again called upon President Clinton to launch a "Marshall Plan" program to bring businesses and create jobs in inner-city areas.

"The State of Black America" is an annual presentation, and document, that examines the status and conditions of African Americans. In addition to outlining self-employment efforts, the League report detailed socio-economic conditions facing Black America, showing: half

of the 22.50 million murdered in 1992 were black, even though blacks constitute only 12 percent of the population; homicide is the leading cause of death among black males 15-24; 33 percent of blacks live in poverty and almost half of African-American homes are headed by women.

Clinton has gained high marks from black leaders for his efforts to create opportunity for more Americans. Shortly before "The State of the Union" address, he told an audience at Howard University, "Five of the members of my Cabinet are African-Americans. Sixty-one percent of the federal judges I have appointed are either women or members of different minority groups." But, he pointed out that the struggle for equality must continue, saying, "It may seem to you that the struggle was over a long time ago. But you look around you, you can see that the history of that struggle is still alive...waiting to be fully redeemed." Many in the audience said, in presenting statistical data, Clinton was "battering us to us," because the latest Census Bureau figures reveal that blacks—at 12 percent of the U.S. population—still represent the nation's largest racial group. Hispanics are at 9 percent. Asians three percent, one percent are Indians and whites represent 75 percent.

Clinton also made a plea to Congress for an apprenticeship program for those who don't complete college, and he asked for a re-training program. In regards to his much touted health care proposal, he told the Congress—which only has a 29 percent approval rating itself—that he will veto any health care proposal that does not guarantee coverage for all Americans. The President's views on welfare reform, are still at odds with black leaders in Civil Rights and the congress.

## Bill to help urban areas stimulate economic growth

**TRENTON**—The Assembly Environment Committee recently released the Urban Heritage Act, a legislation to help distressed cities promote economic revitalization, historic preservation and open space acquisition.

The bill (A-616), sponsored by Assemblyman Harry McEnroe, would create a system for a qualifying urban-adjacent municipalities to designate historically or culturally significant areas for an assortment of development incentives.

It would also authorize reduced sales taxes for vendors in the newly

designated urban heritage districts, while providing a new pool of aid—the Urban Heritage District Maintenance Fund—to spur development and restoration projects in the districts.

According to Assemblyman McEnroe, "this bill could serve as an opportunity to indicate a commitment to helping urban areas. Our goal is to encourage some of the state's cities to expand their tax bases, improve their local economies, and preserve historically important neighborhoods."

## East Orange offers housing assistance

**EAST ORANGE**—The city of East Orange has approximately \$500,000 available in housing assistance grants under the federally funded HOME Program. The grants are available to fund housing initiatives ranging from first time home buyers to rental rehabilitation.

According to Thurmond Cohen, Director of the city's Housing and Revitalization Division, East Orange ranks among the top New Jersey municipalities in the state in the commitment and expenditure of HOME Program funds. The program is sponsored by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist low and moderate income families in the acquisition of affordable housing.

Existing HOME funds can be used in three areas: Owners of housing, consisting of less than four units may be eligible for rehabilitation assistance. Homeowners who are purchasing their first property in East Orange may also receive rehabilitation assistance and first time home buyers may receive down payment and closing cost assistance.

To be eligible for assistance under the HOME Program, a household must meet certain HUD restrictions, the property cannot be delinquent in any of its municipal accounts and the owner must agree to keep the property affordable for an extended period. For information and an application, contact the East Orange Division of Neighborhood Housing and Revitalization at 201-266-5416 visit the East Orange City Hall between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

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Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the BIDDER or his agent. No bids will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of BIDDER and marked "Barrier Free Renovations".

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Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a guarantee payable to the Housing Authority that, if a contract is awarded, the BIDDER shall enter into contract therefor, and shall furnish a Performance Bond (100%) and a Material and Labor Bond (100%). The Proposal guarantee shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) up to \$200,000 and five (5%) anything over \$200,000 of the bid, and shall be given, at the option of the BIDDER, by certified check cashier's check or Bid Bond.

The surety company for Bid Bond and the surety company for the Performance and Payment Bonds must be licensed in NJ State and must be approved by the Federal Treasury.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENT TRAINING CONSULTANTS**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is inviting Proposals from Public Housing Resident Training Consulting Firms regarding a HUD funded Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The proposal involves Resident Training intended to: Develop a strong and plentiful resident leadership population. All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Factor: Weight

1. Professional and technical experience as evidence of ability to perform the work. 3
2. Capability to perform the professional services in a timely manner. 2
3. Past performance in terms of cost control quality of work and compliance with performance schedules. 3
4. Knowledge of HUD Public Housing management regulation and practices; 2
5. General response to the invitation; 1
6. Proposed fee schedule. 1

Submittals should include profiles of firms, principals and staff, evidence of current NJ registration and a certified statement that the management consultant or firm is not delinquent, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency.

Interested management consulting firms should respond by February 11, 1994 to Kenneth E. Nixon, Jr., PHM, MPA Executive Director, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

KENNETH E. NIXON, JR., PHM, MPA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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2. Institution of tenancy related suits.
3. Review and approval of bid documents and bids.
4. Legal opinions regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
5. Representation of Authority regarding employee matters
6. Preparation of board record.

All interested parties should be familiar with Department of Housing and Urban Development rules and regulations and knowledgeable of New Jersey public bidding laws. All work not covered in the contract should be quoted on an hourly basis. Tenancy cases should be quoted on a fixed rate basis. Copies of Department of Housing and Urban Development approved form of contract are available at the Morristown Housing Authority offices, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ.

Please submit all proposals to Lawrence R. Jackson Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, no later than Feb. 7, 1994.

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Submittals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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1. Professional and Technical experience 3
2. Capability to provide services in a timely manner. 2
3. Past performance in terms of cost control, quality of work and performance schedules. 3
4. Knowledge of local building practices. 2
5. General response to the invitation. 1

All submittals shall include evidence that the Architect/Engineering Firm is licensed in New Jersey and certification that the Firms principals or staff have not been debarred or suspended under the Federal, State or Local Agency.

Interested firms should respond by 10 AM, February 14, 1994 to Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director, Salem Housing Authority, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079.

RUTH O. GROSS, PHM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services - Notice of Development of an In-state Therapeutic Wilderness Program.

Take notice that the Division of Youth and Family Services is requesting proposals from providers with experience in the operation and delivery of therapeutic services in a natural setting to the adolescent youth for the development of an in-state therapeutic wilderness program. Notice of this will be published on or about February 7, 1994, in the New Jersey Register. Copies of the request for proposals may be obtained at the scheduled Bidders Conference on February 22, 1994 10AM, Capital Center, 50 East State Street, Room 720, Trenton, NJ or by contacting:

Division of Youth and Family Services  
Office of Statewide Operations and Support  
C41 717 Trenton, NJ 08625

Contact: Cheryl Walter  
(609) 633-7996

2/2/94

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
**EXTERMINATION/PEST CONTROL**

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for: Extermination and Pest Control for its three (3) public housing developments and main office. Bids are due at the office of the Authority located at 160 Haledale Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018, on Friday, February 4, 1994, at 11:00 AM, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Authority between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for receipt and opening of bids, and may be submitted either by mail or in person, by the Bidder or his agent. Bids must be presented in the form prescribed by the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange. No bid will be accepted after the designated time.

Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and marked "BID FOR EXTERMINATION & PEST CONTROL".

Each Bidder shall be required to submit with his/her bid a certified check or bond payable to the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange, US Government Bonds at par value or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount not less than ten (10%) percent of the bid. Bid Bond must be accompanied by a completed statement:

The successful Bidder shall also be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of each bid. The surety company for all bonds must be guaranty or surety company acceptable to the US Department of Treasury. Individual sureties will not be considered. The surety company must also be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and may waive any informalities in the bidding process and award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder in the Authority's best interest.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without written consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

HARRY B. JACKSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**EDITOR**

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson is making a Request for Proposal (RFP) from Certified Public Accounting firms for the providing of an audit of the Financial Statements of the Authority for the period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1994.

"Scope of Services" and other documents may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during office hours between 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM at the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson, 156 Ellison Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07651. Any additional information can be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (201) 345-5657.

Proposals shall be accordance with HUD Handbook #7476.1 "Audits of Public Housing Agencies by public Accountants" and will be submitted by interested firms to: Mr. Felix Raymond, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Paterson, 156 Ellison Street, Paterson, NJ 07651.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown hereinafter called the Authority, in the county of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Offices of the Authority, located at 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey, on Monday February 14, 1994 at 10 AM, prevailing time. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time for EXTERMINATING SERVICES - PROJECT NOS. J9023-001 through 008 FAMILY AND SENIOR PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS for a single complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$200,000.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said office upon deposit of cash, check, or bank draft in the amount of \$25, payable to the "Morristown Housing Authority" for each set. Such deposit will be refunded upon return of the Documents in good condition within ten days after Bid Opening. DOCUMENTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe and with such Sureties as they may approve.

All Bids must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of NJ must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of NJ.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127, which pertains to "Non Discrimination and Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which relates to a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ADVERTISEMENT**  
**RFP NO P 94-1**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES**  
**FOR NEW ROOFS AT ARCADIAN GARDENS**

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is seeking consultant services of a firm to provide professional services for Removal of Existing Roof and Installation of new Modified Bitumen Roof at Project NJ 50-2, Arcadian Gardens in the City of East Orange.

The professional services desired are divided into three (3) phases: Construction Documents Phase, Contract Award Phase, and Construction and Guarantee Phase.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for February 10, 1994 at 11 AM, at the office of the Authority located at the above address no later than 2 PM, February 23, 1994.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to waive informalities in the proposals.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the receipt of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

For further information or questions please call Mr. Frank Rankin, Director of Modernization at (201) 578-0251.

HARRY B. JACKSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**  
**MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is inviting Proposals from Public Housing Management Consulting Firms regarding a HUD funded Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The proposal involves Management improvements intended to: Develop a management information system (MIS) and an internal control system. All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Factor: Weight

1. Professional and technical experience as evidence of ability to perform the work. 3
2. Capability to perform the professional services in a timely manner. 2
3. Past performance in terms of cost control quality of work and compliance with performance schedules. 3
4. Knowledge of HUD Public Housing management regulations and practices. 1
5. General response to the invitation 1
6. Proposed fee schedule. 1

Submittals should include profiles of firms, principals and staff, evidence of current NJ registration and a certified statement that the management consultant or firm is not delinquent, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency.

Interested management consulting firms should respond by February 11, 1994 to Kenneth E. Nixon, Jr., PHM, MPA Executive Director, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

KENNETH E. NIXON, JR., PHM, MPA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking professional services of independent Public Accountants to perform audit services of the Authority's public housing program, modernization program, Section 8 program and Drug Elimination program.

The Authority consists of 470 units of conventional housing, 151 Section 8 certificates, and 25 Section 8 vouchers. The Authority has modernized funding in excess of \$7 million. The audit period will be from October 1, 1992 to September 30, 1993. All respondents must be familiar with public housing and HUD accounting.

Please submit proposals outlining a lump sum fee to Mr. Lawrence R. Jackson, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than February 18, 1994.

**HELP WANTED**

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By R.L. Greene

It's not hard to figure out why. Just turn on your television and you'll see blacks seemingly dominating nearly every sport that's on the tube, whether it is Charles Barkley working inside the paint, Barry Bonds taking a pitch deep, Emmitt Smith shaking and baking his way through a horde of would-be tacklers, etc., etc.

It's no wonder then that black high school athletes have unrealistically high expectations of becoming a professional, making the megabucks, maybe even having a sneaker named after them.

A new survey by Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society reveals that fully 51 percent of black student athletes believe they can beat the 10,000-to-one odds and make it in the pro game. Those odds mean that of every 10,000 athletes playing high school ball, only one will make it in the professional ranks.

The odds are much better, that

## James to give Newark report

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The Mayor referred to the progress Newark has made in developing its neighborhoods. One of the projects he highlighted was J.P. Affordable Housing, a housing program that enables moderate-income families to purchase a three-bedroom house for \$72,900 if they rent the adjoining unit of the duplex to a lower-income family. "These are the kind of innovative residential development plans that my administration will continue to support, and we will begin to witness more housing development in

## Cooper announces tax decrease

and objectives for 1994 focusing on the areas of public safety, affordable housing, economic development and education.

The Mayor noted that "We have totally embraced the concept of community policing and pledged our limited resources to making sure our neighborhoods are safe. However in light of the escalating occurrences of violent crime in our community, other levels of government must join in the fight." He called upon Governor Christine Whitman to address the concerns of people living in urban cities.

you will win Lotto or that you will be struck by lightning.

Still, while young blacks dream a dream that almost never comes true, there is a gleam of hope in the numbers the latest survey unveiled.

"While the dream is still alive that they can make it, they're preparing for alternatives," said Richard Lapchick, director of the center.

The survey found that black students, believing they have limited options later in life, see participation in high school sports as bringing other benefits, from helping them stay in school and becoming better citizens to helping them avoid drug and alcohol use. And they have learned that they must have better grades if they are to even have a chance at eventually making it in the pros.

"Whites see other alternatives pretty clearly in their lives. They don't have to worry about institutional barriers of race confronting them in other careers they might be interested in," Lapchick said. "I think that perhaps African American students believe they have a higher stake in playing the game."

## every ward of the City in 1994.

Entertainment and recreational facilities have been created for families and youth, and more are being planned. For the first time in many years, residents can walk to a neighborhood movie theater."

Mayor James is the first New Jersey elected official to serve as President of the National League of Cities (NLC). "This national role has put a new focus on New Jersey's largest city, Newark is beginning to receive the national recognition it has earned and long-

## deserved, as one of the region's premier urban centers.

The Mayor said he challenge s residents "to make a commitment to work to help move Newark forward. The key to a total rebirth lies in the hands of all of us who collectively must do our part to promote an even better quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors."

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working with New Jersey Transit and the architect for use of the East Orange Train Station building.

The Mayor also reported on the progress of several school board construction projects including the \$34 million renovation of the Hart Middle School Complex, Martens Stadium and the construction of the New Ashland Elementary School.

In closing, Mayor Cooper extended an olive branch to the members of the new City Council, pledging to work in cooperation with them on behalf of the residents of the city.

An earlier study by the center, a "racial report card" issued in July, showed that black players make up only 16 per cent of major league baseball rosters, compared to 67 percent white. Another 16 percent of the players is classified as Latin.

That's a huge drop from the early 1980s, when 24 percent of major league baseball players were black. That earlier survey showed that 77 percent of the players in the National Basketball Association last year were black, while 68 percent of the players in the National Football League were black.

To be perfectly honest, just from watching television, the figures on the NBA seem to be on the low side.

Lapchick said the good news in his latest survey of high school athletes, besides the fact that young blacks are beginning to realize they must have better grades if they are to succeed, is that 76 percent of both black and white student athletes say they have made friends of another race or ethnicity through their participation in team sports.

Then there's the down side.

With over 8000 stores participating in the food drive, Subway expects to triple its results from last year's campaign. "This is one of the largest one-day collections in North America," says Cindy Eadie, executive director of the Subway Franchisee Advertising Fund Trust. "We hope everyone will come in with canned goods and let Subway make them a hero in appreciation of their donation. The more canned goods they bring in, the more people they'll be helping."

Serving as national spokesperson for the food drive is Miss America 1994, Kimberly Allen, Aiken, whose platform in the Miss America Pageant focused on the needs of the homeless. She is the founder of HERO/No Homeless Education and Resource Organization. "As I am traveling

## across America this year, I am making a special effort to educate people about the growing number of homeless and hungry. The 'Heroes For Hunger' food drive is an important step in addressing the many problems that the homeless face, problems such as housing, education, hunger and unemployment. By working with Subway, I hope we can, not only increase awareness of these problems, but more importantly, generate food donations to help meet their needs."

All donations will go to Second Harvest, the nationwide network of local food banks. According to Eadie, "By working with Second Harvest, we can ensure that all the cans collected stay in the communities where they were donated, to help feed neighbor-

hoods in need."

Current statistics reveal that more than 30 million Americans suffer from hunger each month. Twenty million of those depend on soup kitchens or food pantries for meals. "With many people in need, this food drive will go a long way in feeding hungry Americans. This is an opportunity for the country to rally behind hunger relief efforts," says Christina Vladimiroff, President and CEO of Second Harvest. Second Harvest has 185 affiliated food banks, which provides food to the hungry through nearly 50,000 social service agencies. As the largest charitable source of food in the United States, the Second Harvest network annually distributes more than 600 million pounds of food and grocery products.

# Student athletes need tougher standards

The fact that black athletes go through high school and sometimes college and still remain functionally illiterate is in many cases the fault of the system and the overt prejudice of teachers.

A clear majority of students in the new survey 76 percent of blacks

and 60 percent of whites say they support a "C" average requirement. Right now, only six states require that athletes maintain a "C average" average: California, Hawaii, Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas and West Virginia.

"White teachers, white coaches,

have very low expectations of (black athletes) academically, and this is an indication they believe they can do better," Lapchick said. "Whenever we have asked more of student athletes, they have delivered."

"The problem is that we haven't asked enough of them."

And says that although he has learned what he knows about film through reading, he says it's time to "really produce something, hands-on time. It's show improve time."

They advise "not to procrastinate. There are always people out there looking for people to succeed. As long as you are willing to put the effort and time into something. So, just go out there and do it."

Kareem and Andy have the charisma and persistence to carry the project through. Their sights are set on the Houston film festival and the IFPM in New York and possibly the South Beach Film Festival in Florida.

So...lights, camera, action. The wheels of tape have been put into motion. We wish Kareem and Andy the best!

If you know of any up and coming performers, career professionals, or entrepreneurs, let YES know! Send info to: YES Magazine, Talent Bank, P.O. Box 191, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

## Young entrepreneurs

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film festival. The two have decided to use 8-millimeter video tape as opposed to film because it is a less expensive medium that will allow them to "showcase" their talents," explains Kareem. Even though the action is going to speak for themselves, "the quality of the film won't be as high, the story and the pace of the action are going to speak for themselves." Well, finally, a movie maker concerned about bringing plot and action to the forefront.

"Knightfall" brings in the themes of urban decay, taking back the cities, gang violence, community role models and corporate neglect in cities. "We're very proud of our story because it's original. It's saying a lot about what could and what might happen if people became indifferent towards today's society and indifferent to what they could do," says script writer, Kareem Gray. Although he doesn't advocate putting on a mask to fight crime, he says that "there are a lot of little things you can do in soci-

## Miss America continues work

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